

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Dana Ross	3722	

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1. This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 11 December 2006.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 4,8-10 and 14-16.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph Bach on 11 January 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Claims 1-3 and 11-13 are cancelled.

Claim 16 is amended to depend from claim 4.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 4, 8-10 and 14-16 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art neither anticipates nor renders obvious a method of processing a screw rotor as claimed in independent claim 1, specifically wherein the combination of limitations includes roughly cutting the groove on the outer surface of the workpiece using a tool having an end mill and a round end mill and a second step of shaving the left, right and bottom surfaces of the groove, wherein a shaving bit having two blades set at different angles is used for shaving the left and right surface respectively and a round bit is used for shaving the bottom surface.

As stated in the previous office action, multiple axis machine tools are well known in the art along with the machining of screw rotors.

Applicant has amended the independent claim to incorporate the combination of limitations for the method that is not found in the prior art.

The closest prior art is AAPA, Ito et al., Jensen and Iriguchi et al. as is discussed in detail in the previous office action.

Neither AAPA, Ito et al., Jensen nor Iriguchi et al. teach the specific steps of machining that includes the combination of limitations of roughly cutting the groove on the outer surface of the workpiece using a tool having an end mill and a round end mill and a second step of shaving the left, right and bottom surfaces of the groove, wherein a shaving bit having two blades set at different angles is used for shaving the left and right surface respectively and a round bit is used for shaving the bottom surface.

Therefore the prior art does not anticipate the claimed invention.

Furthermore, there is no motivation found to modify the prior art to obtain the claimed invention. Additionally, to make the required modifications to the prior art would require hindsight.

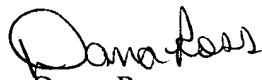
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dana Ross whose telephone number is 571-272-4480. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Monica Carter can be reached on 571-272-4475. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEET

FIG. 16 (A)

PRIOR ART

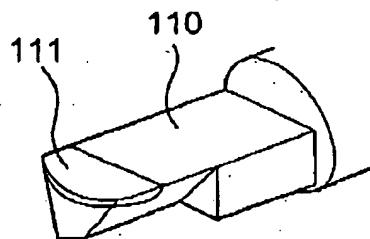


FIG. 16 (B)

